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SUBJECT: LYMPHOCYTOSIS

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1. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH) SEVERAL TIMES SINCE RECEIPT OF REFTEL, IN ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE MEETING FOR SCICOUNS WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH CHAZOV TO DISCUSS LYMPHOCYTOSIS. ON MARCH 7 MOH REP INFORMED EMBOFF THAT ACADEMICIAN CHAZOV CLAIMS TO HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF AGREEING TO MEET EMBASSY REPS TO DISCUSS LYMPHOCYTOSIS. MOH REP STATED THAT ANY SUCH MEETING MUST BE ARRANGED THROUGH THE MFA. IN ANY CASE, HOWEVER, THE MOH REP DOUBTED THAT CHAZOV WOULD MEET WITH EMBASSY REPS BECAUSE LYMPHOCYTOSIS FALLS OUTSIDE CHAZOV SPECIALTY, ACCORDING TO MOH REP. HOWEVER, MOH REP DID INDICATE THAT CHAZOV WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET EMBASSY DOCTOR TO DISCUSS CARDIOLOGY.

2. EMBASSY DIAGNOSIS IS THAT CHAZOV WAS NOT INFORMED ABOUT THE BACKGROUND AND POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF THE
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LYMPHOCYTOSIS QUESTION AND PROBABLY SPOKE OUT OF TURN IN OFFERING DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH DR. ROSENFELD TO MEET WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS. UPON CHAZOV'S RETURN AND EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR A MEETING THESE CONSIDERATIONS PROBABLY MADE IT CONVENIENT FOR CHAZOV TO "FORGET" HIS REMARKS TO DR. ROSENFELD. IN VIEW OF THE PAST RELUCTANCE OF THE SOVIETS TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION ON

LYMPHOCYTOSIS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PURSUE REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH DR. CHAZOV ON THIS MATTER THROUGH MFA CHANNELS.

3. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DR. ROSENFELD'S AND DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD. TOON

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